

SEC. 24. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and, as standing armies in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up, and the military should be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power. Nothing herein contained shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the legislature from enacting penal statutes against said practice.

Militia and the right to bear arms.

SEC. 25. The people have a right to assemble together to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances. But secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and should not be tolerated.

Right of the people to assemble together.

SEC. 26. All men have a natural and unalienated right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority should, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.

Religious liberty.

SEC. 27. The people have the right to the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right.

Education.

SEC. 28. For redress of grievances, and for amending and strengthening the laws, elections should be often held.

Elections should be frequent.

SEC. 29. A frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty.

Recurrence to fundamental principles.

SEC. 30. No hereditary emoluments, privileges or honors ought to be granted or conferred in this State.

Hereditary emoluments, &c.

SEC. 31. Perpetuities and monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free State, and ought not to be allowed.

Perpetuities, &c.

SEC. 32. Retrospective laws, punishing acts committed before the existence of such laws, and by them only declared criminal, are oppressive, unjust and incompatible with liberty, wherefore no *ex post facto* law ought to be made. No law taxing retrospectively sales, purchases, or other acts previously done, ought to be passed.

*Ex post facto* laws.